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Palace readies for Flower Show

Replica of Ram Temple in Ayodhya main attraction

● Free entry for visitors from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2 between 10 am and 8.30 pm ● Palace illumination from 7 pm to 8.30 pm ● Only fully vaccinated persons allowed entry

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (MTY&BCT)- Here is some good news for Mysureans who are starved for winter activities post-pandemic. The Mysore Palace Board will organise the Annual Flower Show from Dec. 25 to Jan. 2.

The event was last held in 2019 where it attracted thousands of visitors. This year, the event will be held to coincide with Christmas and New Year with a sound-less display of fireworks on Dec. 31 as the clock strikes 12. Though entry will be free for public, only fully vaccinated would be allowed inside.

Vaccination status will be checked at entry point and the certificate can be displayed through mobile phones. Even for people who have not downloaded certificates, a dedicated WhatsApp number has been displayed at the entrance to check vaccination status. Entry and exits are through Jayarama-Balarama Gate (Palace North Gate) and Varaha Gate.

(See PALACE on page 6)

Govt. likely to give nod for MUDA's Group Housing Project next month

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (MK&DM)- Months after MUDA submitted the blue print for its ambitious 'Group Housing' Project, the Government is likely to give its nod for the project next month.

MUDA, which conducted a demand survey for its Group Housing Projects at three places in different parts of the city, had received 54,000 public responses, together in online and offline modes.

MUDA had undertaken widespread publicity of the project through various means, including a project specific tableau during this year's Dasara.

MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev said that the public are sensitised and educated on the difference between general residential houses and housing units of Group Housing Project.

Pointing out that the project will come up in a 4-acre plot along the Ring Road in Vijayanagar Second Stage (560 houses), in 3.08 acre of land at Dattagalli (392 houses) and at Sathagalli (1,008 houses), Rajeev said that all the three housing projects come within the Ring Road.

(See MUDA on page 6)

Hundreds take part in Job Mela

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (RKB&DM)- Hundreds of youths from different parts of Mysuru and surrounding districts took part in the day-long Job Mela organised by Mysuru District Youth Wing of Akhila Bharata Veerashaiva Mahasabha in association with Rotary North at Vidyashankara Kalyana Mantapa near Gun House here today.

The Youth Wing's Kendriya President Mahantesh Patel inaugurated the Job Mela which saw more than 50 companies from different sectors taking part. The Mela was open for candidates with educational qualifications ranging from SSLC till Post-Graduate degree and other technical qualifications. Some of the job aspirants were issued spot appointment letters by companies.

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Wednesday 22nd December 2021

Vaadya Padmam title to be conferred on Mysore Brothers

Mysuru, Dec. 22- Brahma Gana Sabha (BGS), one of the oldest founded Sangeetha Sabhas in Chennai, is doing yeoman service in the propagation and development of fine arts for many decades. It has hosted the upper echelons of Karnatak Musicians on its stage and is also a platform for the newer talented generation.

Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath

Their "Padmam" series of titles is awarded annually to eminent artistes from the fields of Music (Gaana Padmam), Dance (Naatya Padmam) and Drama (Naataka Padmam) who have contributed significantly to the art form.

This year's title ***Vaadya Padmam*** is being bestowed upon the renowned violinists and internationally acclaimed maestros Mysore Nagaraj and Dr. Mysore Manjunath.

The violin maestros, popularly known as the Mysore Brothers, are considered top and celebrated violinists. Trained under their father Mahadevappa, a violinist belonging to the musical lineage of Sri Tyagaraja, they have revolutionised the violin playing technique.

Mysore Brothers have performed across the globe, spreading the glory of Indian music.

This award is a feather in their cap and to the cultural heritage of the city of Mysore. The award ceremony is slated for Dec.24 at Rasika Ranjan Auditorium in Chennai at 5.30 pm.

Meenakshi Lekhi, Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Minister of State for Culture, will be presenting the awards. The award ceremony will be followed by the Grand Violin Concert by Dr. Manjunath and Nagaraj.

Other awardees of the title are the well-known vocalist duo Ranjani and Gayathri.

Nagaraj and Dr. Manjunath are one of the youngest recipients of prestigious Sangeeth Natak Academy Award by the Government of India and Rajyotsava award by the Government of Karnataka.

True Cultural Ambassadors of India, Mysore Brothers continue to preserve and spread the rich cultural heritage of Indian classical music, in all its glory.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The worrying spate of COVID-19 clusters in educational institutions across Karnataka, coupled with a surprise appearance of the Omicron variant early on — the first-ever cases in India were reported in Bengaluru — has left the Government in a dilemma: a choice between children's health and their education. Should the Government shut down schools and colleges and risk another zero year, or should it treat the clusters on a case-to-case basis and plough on, hoping for the best? Fortunately, the rash of cases have proved to be of a mild variety, but these are uncertain times and the health authorities are dealing with a rapidly mutating virus.

While it is hoped that the Omicron variant could tail out the pandemic, experts say it is prudent to be prepared for a long-drawn battle against the virus. If the coming year does bring in the third wave, as it has across Europe and other regions of the world, the Government should ensure that the education sector is not too hard-hit. It should foresee the pitfalls and adopt a two-pronged approach to keep the situation as stable and normal as possible: Push ahead with vaccination and booster doses for adults, besides early implementation of paediatric inoculation, and simultaneously explore inclusive digital learning solutions for Government schools so that underprivileged students do not get left by the wayside. — *In The New Indian Express*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Foetus found inside woman's liver

Canada: A 33-year-old woman in Canada found there was a foetus growing inside her liver. Revealing the medical case, pediatrician Dr. Michael Narvey of Children's Hospital Research Institute of Manitoba uploaded a video on social media. He said, "I thought I had seen it all: a 33-year-old woman comes in with a 14-day history of menstrual bleeding and 49 days since her last menstrual period."

On examination, what the doctor found was an ectopic pregnancy in the woman's liver. An ectopic pregnancy is when the fertilised egg, instead of getting implanted in the uterine cavity, gets stuck somewhere else. Rarely, it may also get implanted on the ovaries or the cervix or the abdominal wall. Ectopic pregnancy in the liver is "exceptionally rare".

He said, "We see these sometimes in the abdomen but never in the liver. This is a first for me." Surgeons saved the woman's life by surgically removing the foetus. However, the foetus couldn't be saved.

Parasite that becomes a tongue

Texas: Officials with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department took a photo of a strange parasite resembling a pill bug that is also known as the snapper-choking isopod.

The fish containing the parasite was found at Galveston Island State Park. The tongue-eating louse attaches itself to the fish's mouth and then replaces the tongue. The parasite then survives in the fish's mouth by feeding on the host animal's mucus — the only known example of a parasite replacing an organ of its host. The tongue-eating louse is the only known example of a parasite replacing an organ of its host.

HEALTH CAPSULE

What are the treatment options for enlarged prostate?
Depending on the severity of disease there are medication, life-style management, fluid restrictions and cystoscopic removal of prostate by using holmium laser (HOLEP).

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Flute concert at Suttur Mutt

Vid. V. Vamshidhar presenting a flute concert as part of the 237th edition of Suttur Mutt's monthly moonlight music programme held at the Mutt premises, foot of Chamundi Hill, recently. He was accompanied by Vid. Mysore N. Karthik on violin and Vid. H.L. Shivashankaraswamy on mridanga.

REALLY...?

- *The city of Varanasi in the Indian State of Uttar Pradesh is not only regarded as the spiritual capital of India, but also one of the oldest cities in the world. With a population of over 1 million people, Varanasi dates back to 11BC.*
- *India's oldest city sits on the Ganges River where Hindu pilgrims travel to bathe in the sacred water and to perform traditional funerals. Found along the river are over 2,000 temples including the famous Golden Temple. Once a bustling trading city, Varanasi is now a hugely popular tourist destination with millions of people from all over the world visiting every year.*
- *The board game 'snakes and ladders' originally came from ancient India. The game was known back then as Mokshapat or Moksha Patamu. It's believed that it was played as early as 2nd century BC, although it's not known exactly who invented the game.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Cop: *I'm sorry sir, your wife has been involved in a fatal car accident. We'd like you to come with us and identify the body.*
Husband: *I'm a bit busy right now. Can't you take a photo and tag me on facebook? If it's her, I'll click 'Like' !!*

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 75.72
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 100.05
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 20.62
1 Euro	= Rs. 85.43

COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

	DECEMBER 20	DECEMBER 21
Day's Positive Cases	10	10
Total Positive Cases	1,80,156	1,80,166
Day's Discharges	9	14
Total Discharges	1,77,573	1,77,587
Day's Deaths	0	0
Total Deaths	2,435	2,435
Total Active Cases	148	144

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

VOICE OF THE READER

Why should Rangayana Director quit?

Sir,

Those who admire Rangayana productions have to agree with the views of Director Addanda Cariappa. He has been the target of vested interests from the day he assumed office.

Whatever his political leanings be, the production of 'Parva' was a landmark in Rangayana.

That Cariappa, being a Kodava, has serious reservations regarding Tipu is justifiable. But that is a different matter.

'Parva' is a re-telling of a great epic and that has to be viewed in that perspective only.

And why should Cariappa resign? He is doing a wonderful job and he should continue. I would like to tell these individuals that if you don't like the plays staged in Rangayana, please don't go. Rangayana will perform much better then !

One last point. I would like to remind these people that we live in a democratic country; just because Cariappa does not believe in your political leanings does not mean he should quit !

—Prasanna Murthy
Gokulam
14.12.2021

Handicrafts exhibition at JSS Mysore Urban Haat

Mysuru, Dec. 22- JSS Mahavidyapeetha is organising its 124th Handicrafts Exhibition from Dec.24 to Jan.2 under the sponsorship of Office of Development Commissioner - Handicrafts, Ministry of Textiles, New Delhi at JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Hebbal Ring Road here.

More than 40 craftspersons from all over India including National and State awardees will be exhibiting and selling their attractive traditional and heritage artifacts. **The expo will be open from 10 am to 9 pm.** There is no entry and parking fee. City bus facility has been arranged from KSRTC bus stand (Bus No. 117).

Craftsmen will present live demonstrations in art and craft-making and also display Pujabi Phulkari/ Patiala Suits, Bhagalpur Tussar Silk sarees/duppatta, Bastar Iron Craft from Madhya Pradesh, Horn Products, Grass Mats/ Curtains, Jaipur Kurthas & Raprons, Jute bags, Wood carving & furniture from Saharanpur, Wood Inlay, Chicken Embroidery, Modern Ceramic Arts Murals, Madhubani Painting, Rajasthan Miniature Paintings, Rajasthan Embroidery & footwear, Dry flower, All kinds of Leather & Jute products, Channapattana Toys, Terracotta items and other attractive handicrafts.

The event will be inaugurated on Dec.24 at 4 pm by MP Pratap Simha. MLA G.T. Devegowda will preside. Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, Additional DC, H.G. Ravindra, Deputy Director, Finance Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, Niranjanamurthy, Collegiate Education Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, K.S. Sunilkumar, Assistant Director, Handicraft Service Centre, Ministry of Textiles, will be the chief guests.

MLA Ramdas holds meeting on development of K.R. Constituency

Union Ministers Dharmendra Pradhan and Bhupendra Yadav to inaugurate workshop on Jan. 4

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (MK&DM)- In an effort to take forward the concept of 'Strong India', K.R. MLA S.A. Ramdas held a meeting with MCC officials at the MCC auditorium on Monday.

Addressing the meeting, Ramdas said that he has discussed several development issues, including introduction of rural specific MNREGA Scheme in urban areas as well, with Union Human Resources Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Union Labour Minister Bhupendra Yadav.

Pointing out that the Labour Minister has written him a letter on introducing MNREGA in urban areas on a pilot basis for 6 months, Ramdas said that a 5-day workshop will be held from Jan.4 in four MCC wards of the Constituency, during which skill development programmes, job opportunities and other issues concerning 'Strong India' concept will be discussed in depth.

Stating that the two Union Ministers will arrive in the city on Jan. 4 for the inauguration of the workshop, Ramdas sought the co-operation of the MCC in making the workshop a big success.

The MLA further said that students of eighth standard and above who are interested in taking part in skill development programmes at the workshop, can register.

Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Corporators Shivakumar and Manjunath, MCC Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, MCC Deputy Commissioner Roopa and others were present at the meeting.

No power supply today and tomorrow

Mysuru, Dec. 22- Owing to emergency maintenance works, power supply will be disrupted today and tomorrow (Dec. 22, 23) between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas:

Surrounding areas of Olympia Talkies, Makkaji Chowk, surrounding areas of Prabha Talkies, Gandhi Square, Rave Beedi, Ashoka Road, surrounding areas of Dodda Gadiyara, according to a press release from Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

Calling Biologists for Mysuru Zoo

Mysuru, Dec. 22- Sri Chamarajendra Zoological Gardens (Mysuru Zoo) is proposing to engage a Biologist purely on contract basis with a monthly salary of Rs.18,000. Walk-in interview for the selection of suitable candidate is scheduled on Dec.28 at 11 am at the Office of Zoo Executive Director. Interested candidates aged below 28 years and having M.Sc degree in Forestry, Wildlife Management, Zoology or Wildlife Biology can attend the interview along with supporting documents.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Lecture prog.

Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, will deliver a talk on Mathematician Srinivasa Ramanujan at Chamundi Children's Home, 2nd Stage Brindavan Extension, today (Dec. 22) at 5.30 pm. [Mob: 96323-15924]

Annual General Body Meetings

The Annual General Body Meeting (AGM) of Kudala Sangamadeva Gruha Niramana Sahakara Sangha (2020-21) will be held at Veene Seshanna Bhavan in Kuvempunagar on Dec. 23 at 11.30 am. Sangha President K.A. Mahesh will preside.

The 7th AGM of Sri Gurumalleshwara Gruha Nirmana Sahakara Sangha (Mysuru-Chamarajanagar limits) for the year 2020-21 will be held at Sri Gurumalleshwaranagara Devirammanahalli-Hura Road, Karalapura Gate, Nanjangud, on Dec. 25 at 11 am. Sangha President Ashiwn R. Palegar will preside.

Old Age Home admission

The city's Siddaganga Health Seva Trust, an Old Age Home, located on C & D Block, Gange Road, near Lavakusha Park in Kuvempunagar, is now open for admission of elderly citizens who need care. Interested elderly citizens can contact Mob: 97428-09058 or 86606-00715 for admission, according to a release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80 feet
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Outflow	:	4,913 cusecs

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Maximum	:	2,284.00 feet
Today	:	2,283.46 feet
Inflow	:	781 cusecs
Outflow	:	700 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,853.95 feet
Inflow	:	383 cusecs
Outflow	:	50 cusecs

Adulterated Nandini ghee unit at Hosahundi

Racketeers had blessings of MyMUL staff, officers

Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday as Mahalakshmi Sweets owner Shivakumar and others look on.

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (MTY&BCT)- The Mysuru Hotel Owners Association has reiterated that it suspects the involvement of insiders in the adulterated Nandini ghee manufacturing racket that was unearthed in Hosahundi near Bandipalya recently.

The Association had even earlier stated that the racket clearly shows the involvement of MyMUL (Mysuru Milk Union Limited) staff and officials as the racketeers had managed to duplicate all the security systems available in the ghee packets.

Addressing a press conference at Pathrakartara Bhavan in city yesterday, Association President C. Narayanagowda said that without the involvement of MyMUL insiders, this racket would not have survived for more than five months. "The racketeers have admitted that they were running the adulteration unit for the last five months. We are not sure about this and only a detailed probe will unearth the details," he said.

MyMUL is a part of Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) which produces and markets Nandini ghee and the illegal unit at Hosahundi was located close to MyMUL main unit and it is surprising that the racket never came to light and how is this possible without the blessings of the MyMUL management, he questioned.

"Till now no arrests have been made and the MyMUL is trying desperately to cover up the misdeeds. The Government must launch an impartial probe and bring the culprits to book. We now express our doubts on the quality of ghee supplied even to make Tirupati laddu. Because of this adulteration racket, many reputed brands like Mahalakshmi Sweets had to suffer without fault and the sweet meat-maker was dragged into the controversy by vested interests," he said.

He said that the owner of the unit which was producing adulterated ghee had colluded with officers and staff of MyMUL. "Without the support of MyMUL staff and officials, the owners of the unit could not have produced adulterated ghee sachets and tins with complete details about security, FSSAI licence number, barcode and others," he said.

Narayanagowda further alleged that the adulterators had a wide network and this ghee was being distributed from the authentic Nandini outlets spread across Mysuru.

Meanwhile, Co-operation and Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar has asked the investigators to attach the properties of the accused in the adulteration racket.

Mahalakshmi Sweets clarifies

City-based Mahalakshmi Sweets owner Shivakumar said they procure ghee directly from KMF units but social media is used to discredit his company which has provided direct employment to around 800 families. Displaying all the bills of ghee purchased by the sweet outlet for months, Shivakumar said that they purchased ghee from authentic outlets.

"Every month we spend Rs. 70 to Rs. 80 lakh to purchase ghee from KMF and make quality ghee products and we have painstakingly built the company brick by brick and since beginning we have been known for quality. MyMUL Managing Director has taken the name of Mahalakshmi Sweets in his enthusiasm to speak about the adulteration racket and this has led to all misinformation campaigns against our company," Shivakumar said.

He further said that his company is mulling on stopping purchases from KMF and have already tried out other reputed ghee manufacturers and have sent the ghee samples for testing at CFTRI. "We were purchasing Nandini ghee to make the lives of farmers better and now as the MyMUL MD himself has discredited Mahalakshmi Sweets without our fault, there is no point in purchasing Nandini ghee. We have built the company and have toiled for 31 years maintaining the quality," he said.

State Vice-President of Karnataka Hotel Owners Association Ravishastri, Mysuru Hotel Owners Association Charitable Trust Vice-President B. Ugraiah and Suresh were present.

Minister warns of attachment of properties of those involved in fake Nandini ghee racket

Somashekar

Belagavi, Dec. 22 (KMS&DM)- Days after a fake Nandini ghee racket was busted in Mysuru, Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar said that the properties of those involved in selling fake Nandini ghee will be confiscated by the Government.

Speaking to press persons at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi on Monday, Somashekar, who is also Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District in-Charge Minister, said that Nandini brand products of KMF (Karnataka Milk Federation) has earned huge popularity for their purity, quality and taste. But some unscrupulous persons are out to making a quick buck by selling fake Nandini ghee, which is nothing but a crime and stern action will be taken against those trying to imitate the product, he said.

Pointing out that Nandini ghee is being supplied to Tirupati, Ayodhya and such other major religious shrines in the country, he said that the ghee is also being supplied to the Army, which itself speaks volumes about the quality of Nandini products.

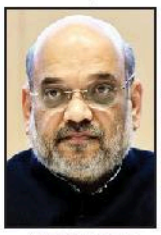
Reiterating that properties of those indulged in selling fake Nandini products of KMF will be confiscated, he appealed the public to inform the KMF authorities if they come across any such fake Nandini products being sold in markets. The officials have been instructed to carry out public awareness on fake or adulterated milk products, he added.

Probe sought

Meanwhile, Manava Hakkugala Rakshane Hagu Bhrastachara Nirmoolana Samiti in Mysuru has urged the Government to carry out a thorough investigation into the fake Nandini ghee racket.

In a memorandum submitted to the Deputy Commissioner's Office at Mysuru on Monday, the Samiti's District President Vinod said that the members of the Samiti unearthed the racket by tipping off the Police, Food and Civil Supplies and MyMUL authorities, following which a raid was carried out, during which huge quantities of fake Nandini ghee and other products, packing materials, colouring powders and other materials that were used for adulteration were seized. But since then, nothing much is known about the progress of investigation, he claimed and sought the Government to take stern action against all the culprits who were engaged in the operation of the racket. He also urged the officials to ensure that such rackets do not spring up again.

India's first Co-op. University to become a reality soon



Amit Shah

Pune, Dec. 22 (UNI)- Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Sunday announced that India will soon get a University offering courses for Co-operative training. He made the announcement while speaking at the Convocation of the Vaikunth Mehta National Institute of Co-operative Management here.

Shah, who is also Co-operation Minister, said that the Co-operative sector would play a crucial role in making India a five trillion dollar economy.

Reiterating that a Varsity specialising in Co-operative courses would soon become a reality, the Minister said that there will be colleges of this University in different parts of the country.

City Churches illuminated for Christmas

The illuminated St. Bartholomew's Church next to Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city. Picture right shows a cut-out of Santa Claus riding a reindeer-pulled sledge installed at the Church.

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (KS)- Come December, the festive atmosphere descends on the city with Christian community members busy in festive shopping, decorating their houses and Churches. Cake makers too have geared up for the festive season, by baking varieties of cakes.

City's major Churches too are decked up and illuminated for Christmas and special Christmas programmes have been planned this week. Community members, Churches and the Priests are also ready for the celebrations as the festival marks the season of joy, sharing, caring and spreading love.

St. Philomena's Church, the tallest Church in city and St. Bartholomew's Church, the oldest church are the centre of attraction here drawing many devotees and visitors. Other City Churches - Wesley Cathedral, Hardwick Church at Lakshmipuram, Yesu Karunalaya at Karunapura, Sawday Memorial Church at Tilaknagar, Infant Jesus Church on Hunsur Road, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church at Srirampura and Pushpashrama Church in R.S. Naidu Nagar among other Churches in city are also in a celebratory mood.

St. Bartholomew's Church

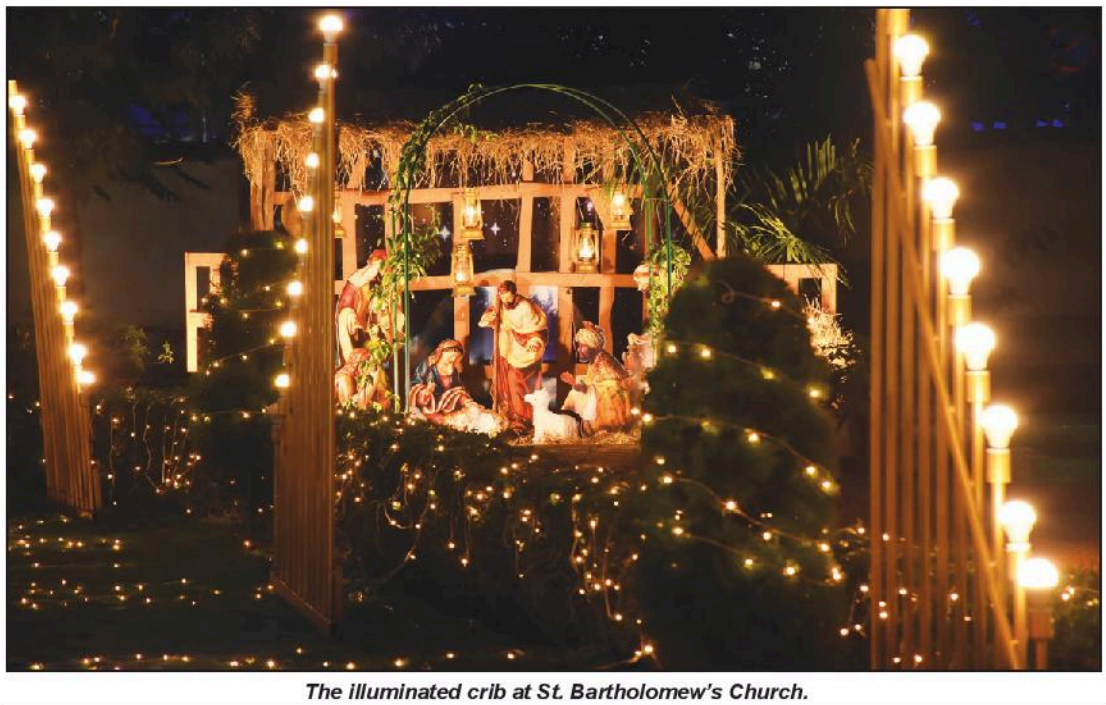
Located next to Sub-Urban Bus Stand in city, this is the oldest and the only Anglican Church in Mysuru established in 1830 for the East India Company troops stationed in the kingdom of Mysore. The construction of the Church was completed in 1832 and is named after one of the 12 apostles of Jesus Christ, Saint Bartholomew. The Church has been illuminated beautifully with stars. A crib has also been put up and a cut out of Santa Claus riding a reindeer-pulled sledge is also installed.

As permission to hold carol singing by visiting the houses of Church members was denied, the Church is holding Carol Singing Service from Dec. 20 to 22 for its members in batches to avoid crowd.

On Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Candle Light Service and a special programme by the Church's choir will be held.

On Dec. 25, Christmas Service will be held at 6 am and 8 am which are Holy Communion Service.

On Dec. 31, Year end Watch Night Service (Holy Communion) will be held at 10.30 pm and the New Year Day Covenant Service (Holy Communion) will be held on Jan. 1, 2022 at 8.30 pm, according to Presbyter Rev. Daniel J. Kaundinya.



The illuminated crib at St. Bartholomew's Church.

At St. Philomena's Church

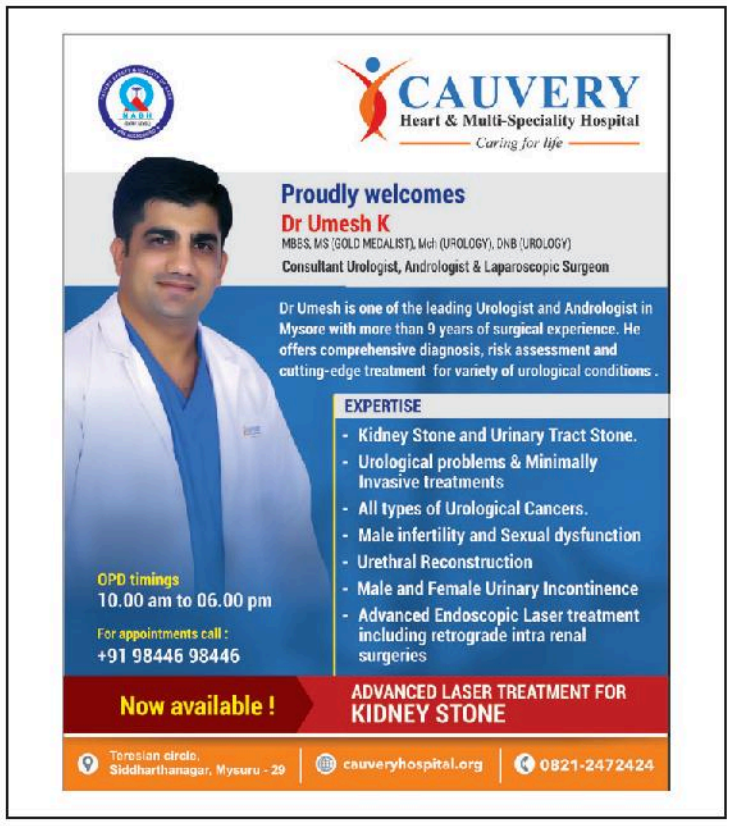
Built in 1936 in the Neo Gothic style, designed by Frenchman Daly and inspired from the Cologne Cathedral in Germany, St. Philomena's Church is the tallest and the biggest Church in city. With ornate decorations and lightings, the Church wears a festive look during the time of Christmas. The Church attracts a large number of people on Christmas eve, cutting across religious lines.

This year, a model of Santa riding a sledge and a model of the Church are the major attractions. Works on installing the Santa and sledge and preparing the Church model is going on in full swing as Christmas will be celebrated on Saturday.

Parish Priest Fr. Staney D'Almeda said that a miniature model of St. Philomena's Church with lightings and the Synodal Church are being installed in the Church premises and added that the replica of the ruined walls of Jerusalem is also being installed in the crib.

Fr. Staney further said that mass will commence at 11 pm on Dec. 24 and the midnight mass will be conducted by Bishop Most Rev. Fr. K.A. William. On Dec. 25,

Christmas mass will be held at 5 am (Tamil), 6 am (Kannada), 7 am (English) and 8 am (Tamil). Bishop Most Rev. Fr. K.A. William will conduct the mass at 7 am and 8 am. Christmas mass in Kannada will be held at 6 pm also, he added.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Palace readies for Flower Show

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Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya said that a limit of 500 has been fixed for the number of people at the Flower Show at a time.

"We will follow the Government guidelines and as the Flower Show will be witnessed by the floating population, the Police at the entry gates will take a call on the number of people entering the venue. Coordination points will be set up at entry and exit points and groups of large gatherings will not be permitted," he said.

As an icing on the cake for the Flower show, the iconic Mysore Palace will be illuminated daily from Dec. 25 till Jan. 2, 2022 from 7 pm till 8.30 pm. The Flower Show will be held between 10 am and 8.30 pm, he said.

A host of attractions have been planned for the Flower Show with colourful and long-lasting blooms and the special attraction will be a replica of Sri Ram Temple at Ayodhya. It is set to be a splendid sight as the Temple replica is juxtaposed to the imposing structure of the Mysore Palace.

Vertical gardens

As the visitor enters the Flower Show venue, he/she will be greeted by vertical gardens and a floral depiction of Khedda operation (to capture wild elephants). From there, the visitor will head towards replicas of Goddess Chamundeshwari, Mahishasura and Nandi monolith statue. From there, the visitors are directed to the giant replica of the Ram Temple.

After the Temple darshan, visitors can take a look into a floral mace *(gade* in Kannada) and view the replica of Gandhiji's Dandi March.

From there, people can take a look at the photo gallery that will trace the journey of Mysuru from Wadiyars till the present era. The gallery will be a place to see the rarest of the rare photos.

Along the route, there will be floral photo frames and selfie points to capture the best photographic moments. Floral replicas of Onake Obavva, the daring lady of Chitradurga who massacred the soldiers of Hyder Ali, Indian Air Force (IAF) Group Captain Abhinandan Varthaman, who downed a Pakistan jet during an aerial combat in February 2019 at the Line of Control (LoC) and a replica of Olympic Gold Medal Hero Neeraj Chopra will attract visitors.

Homage to Rawat

A replica of Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat who died in a chopper crash at Coonoor in Tamil Nadu recently will be an added attraction. After viewing these attractions, visitors can go to a dedicated children's area where floral replicas of cartoon characters tom and jerry, Donald duck and others will be displayed. This apart, a floral replica of a queen in palanquin and a farmer will be on display.

Get set for host of events at Palace from Dec. 25

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (SSM)- The Flower Show at the Mysore Palace from Dec. 25 to Jan.2 will play host to many attractions as if to make up for last year's no-show due to COVID pandemic. Even this year, the show is being conducted amidst Omicron scare and with over five lakh unvaccinated people in Mysuru.

Here is the list of attractions:

Dec. 25 (Saturday) - 4.30 pm

Flower Show inauguration by Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar. MLA S.A. Ramdas presides. Mayor Sunanda Palanetra, Dy. Mayor Anwar Baig, MPs Pratap Simha, V. Sreenivasa Prasad and Sumalatha Ambarish chief guests.

All Mysuru MLAs, MLCs, Chairmen of various Boards and Corporations, Deputy Commissioner Dr. Bagadi Gautham and Ward No. 51 Corporator B.V. Manjunath will be present.

6.30 pm to 7.15 pm: Cultural programme inauguration.

7.30 pm to 9.30 pm: Geetha Namana to late actor Puneeth Rajkumar by playback singer Vijay Prakash and troupe.

Dec. 26 (Sunday) - 7 pm to 9 pm

Music programme by playback singers Ajay Warier, Sriharsha, Vyasraj, Ankita Kundu, Sunitha Jogi and Divya Ramachandra.

Dec. 27 (Monday) - 7 pm to 9 pm

As part of 75th year of Indian Independence (Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav), vocal recital by Sangeetha Vidyanidhi Dr. Vidyabhushana; illustrations by National Award winning artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat; dance feature by internationally-acclaimed artiste Vid. Sridhar Jain and troupe.

Dec. 31 (Friday) - 11 pm to 12 am

Musical performance by Karnatak and English Police Band. **12 am to 12.15 am:** New Year eve celebrations by Mysore Palace Board with bursting of colourful soundless crackers.

Dolls Show

Traditional dolls which are exhibited during Navaratri will be displayed at the Flower Show in four to five blocks. The Dolls Show will feature 'Sri Ganeshana Vividha Vinodaavali' by Nagaprasad, 'Sri Shivashaktaika Rupinye Namaha' by Hemalatha Kumaraswamy, 'Sri Girija Kalyana' by Geetha Srihari, 'Namma Hemmeya Jumboo Savari' by Meera Ramesh and 'Sri Rama Vaibhava' by Leelavathi.

Photo Gallery and other events

The Mysore Palace Board will also display selected photos at the special gallery.

Other programmes include: The role of public in controlling spread of COVID, environmental awareness and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan.

Documentary screening on Jayachamaraja Wadiyar's works, Dasara celebration - Then and Now, Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar and Mysore Palace. There will be a New Year calendar release and planting of saplings.

Rising Omicron and COVID-19 cases

State orders curbs on New Year's eve celebrations

Bengaluru, Dec. 22 (UNI)- The Karnataka Government yesterday announced restrictions on public celebrations of New Year's eve in the wake of rising cases of Omicron and COVID-19 in the State. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai said restrictions would be in place from Dec. 30 to Jan. 2, 2022.

"The mass gatherings at any place across the State for new year celebrations have been banned. However, the seating capacity at pubs and restaurants has been restricted to 50 percent with no special events like DJ. The staff at pubs and restaurants should be fully vaccinated," the CM said.

The decision was taken in consultation with health experts. Bommai further said that the rules apply to the apartment premises also. "The Resident Welfare Associations must see that large gatherings and parties in their premises are not permitted," he said. Detailed guidelines will be released soon.

The Chief Minister said that the responsibility of ensuring adherence to COVID-19 regulations and protocol would be on the Residents' Welfare Associations of apartments. With the concern arising over the emergence of Omicron, Karnataka COVID-19 Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) last week recommended subdued New Year celebrations.

The expert panel has recommended the prohibition of gatherings on large or small scale in established venues on New Year's eve. It has also recommended that organised gatherings in pubs, restaurants, clubs and celebrations on major roads, malls and other public places should not be allowed though regular activities can continue in pubs, restaurants and clubs.

Bommai said no specific guidelines had been issued with respect to Christmas as the mass would be held indoors.

MUDA's Group Housing Project

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Maintaining that the plots where the housing projects are going to come up are most suitable for Group Housing Project, the MUDA Chairman said that prices are fixed at prevailing rates corresponding to the location.

Asserting that the Government is most likely to give its approval for the project once the ongoing Legislature Session at Belagavi comes to an end, he said that the DPR concerning the project has been sent to the Government.

CM to announce Kodava Development Corporation

Community members meet Bommai at Belagavi; funds to be sanctioned in coming budget

A delegation of Kodava community members submitting a memorandum to Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi this morning.

Belagavi, Dec. 22 (KMS&BCT)- Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has assured that he would make an announcement in the coming budget regarding establishment of Kodava Development Corporation on the lines of Development Corporations announced for the welfare of other communities in Karnataka.

Meeting a delegation of Kodava community members at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi this morning amidst the ongoing Legislature Session, the Chief Minister told the community members that the establishment of the Corporation will go a long way in ensuring the welfare of the Kodava community which is a miniscule population. He assured the delegation that he would also announce grants for the Development Corporation.

The delegation was led by Madikeri MLA M.P. Appachu Ranjan, Virajpet MLA K.G. Bopaiah, MLC Veena Achaiah, Manju Chinnappa of United Kodava Organisation (UKO) and other leaders of the community.

Meeting the Chief Minister, Manju Chinnappa said that the Corporation would help the comprehensive growth of Kodava community.

Leaders told the CM that the Kodava community has unique tradition, customs, heritage and culture and reiterated that Kodavas have made enormous contributions for the growth of the State and the country after Kodagu was merged with the then Mysore State in 1956.

Giving a patient hearing to the community representatives, the CM assured that he would announce the Kodava Development Corporation in the coming budget and sanction funds.

Unauthorised occupants of MUDA houses vacated

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (RK&DM)- MUDA officials on Tuesday vacated unauthorised occupants of four EWS houses in Rajivnagar second stage, built by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) decades ago. MUDA had built EWS houses at Rajivnagar second stage in the city in 1987 and some of them remained unoccupied for different reasons.

Taking advantage of the houses remaining empty, some persons occupied four of them unauthorised and started making minor repairs to the houses.

MUDA officials, who learnt about this, launched an operation and evacuated the unauthorised occupants, following which the houses were taken possession of.

Meanwhile, it is learnt that MUDA has discovered that 60 houses built by it and 89 sites allotted by it remaining vacant in different Layouts of the city. Following the discovery, MUDA has planned to dispose them off through e-auction.

MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh told *SOM* that MUDA expects to earn a revenue of Rs. 80 to 90 crore through e-auction of the vacant sites and houses.

Cautioning unscrupulous elements against encroaching MUDA land and sites, he appealed members of the public to send pictures of the encroached properties along with their location to **WhatsApp Number: 99000-03232.**

Government to construct buildings for 100 Police Stations every year

Araga Jnanendra

Bengaluru, Dec. 22 (KMS&DM)- The State Government has planned to construct buildings for Police Stations which are currently functioning from rented premises.

Replying to a question by BJP MLA Kumar Bangarappa during Question Hour in the Legislature Session at Suvarna Soudha at Belagavi yesterday, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said it has planned to construct buildings for 100 Police Stations and out-posts every year at a cost of Rs. 200 crore.

The Home Minister further said that the Government was for constructing Police quarters as per demands and requirement.

Unidentified elderly woman dies in hospital

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (KS)- An unidentified elderly woman, who was found lying sick in front of a provision store, opposite Varuna Gram Panchayat Office on Dec. 8 and admitted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru, has breathed her last at the hospital yesterday.

The elderly woman, apart from telling her name as 'Kamalamma,' has not informed anything to those who used to provide her with food and water.

The body has been shifted to MMC&RI mortuary and the Police have urged the kith and kin of the deceased, if any, to contact Varuna Police Station on Ph: 0821-2594411 or District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800, according to a press release.

Christmas message

by Bishop Rev. Dr. K.A. William

Bishop Rev. Dr. K.A. William

Christmas is once again at our doors and this year, the feast comes as a welcome breeze after a silent storm. People are going through anxiety, stress and discomfort of the pandemic, wearing masks constantly and maintaining social distancing. Our normal relationships are also affected and our gatherings, even in Churches and places of worship, are discouraged. It is as if, even God is far away from us. In such a gloomy atmosphere, hopefully when things are better off, Christmas comes to us with an added assurance of hope - Emmanuel - God with us.

Christmas has always been a time of joyful celebration all over the world, irrespective of the people's faith traditions. There may be hundreds of reasons why people could be sad and desolate, but the thought of Christmas cheers our hearts. As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember the blessings of God towards us throughout this year.

To our human understanding, the situation seems to be a Godless one, but in the eyes of God, there is purpose and meaning for everything that happens in the world. God's ways are far beyond the human grasping power.

Even in such a fearful atmosphere of the pandemic, God has been present amidst us and he continues to be with us. Christmas is the celebration of the transcendental God becoming human, to liberate the suffering and forsaken humanity. 'For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son,' that we may have life eternal; Christmas is the time to celebrate the humble love of God. To express the unconditional love, God sacrificed His only Son by sending him to be born amidst us, to offer his own life as a ransom to save the humanity. This great love of God calls each one of us to see the presence of God in our brethren.

I wish everyone a very Happy Christmas. May this feast fill us with joy, peace and new hope amidst the gloom of the pandemic. Let us welcome Jesus, the Saviour in our hearts, in our homes and the neighbourhood. May Christ be born in our hearts; may this Christmas be a season to find Christ in each other and build a universe of love, peace and joy.

May we keep aside the envy, pride, hatred, revengeful attitude, selfishness and other evil inclinations, so that we may lay the foundation for a newer and better society at this Christmas. May this Christmas bring good tidings, may the pandemic come to an end and the people return to the total normalcy at the earliest.

May God bless you and your family.

—Most Rev. Dr. K. A. William, Bishop of Mysore

'Anti-Conversion Bill will not affect us'

Bishop Rev. Dr. K.A. William welcomes X-mas restrictions

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (RK&KS) - The Anti-Conversion Bill tabled by the Government will not affect us as we do not indulge in religious conversions, said Bishop Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William.

Addressing media persons at the Bishop's House on Mother Teresa Road here this noon, the Bishop said that none have been converted forcibly but still fingers are being pointed on us. There is no need for this Bill in the State and those who indulge in religious conversions could be punished without the Bill. But there is a fear that the Bill would be misused and innocents will be targeted. One should not disturb one particular community in the name of the Bill, the Bishop added.

Welcoming the Government's new guidelines, the Bishop said that the Government has restricted New Year celebration but has allowed Christmas celebrations with little restrictions. Christmas will be celebrated by following the Govt's guidelines, he added.

Vicar General Fr. Rayappa, MSGR Fr. Leslie Moras, Chancellor Fr. Joseph Packia Raj, Administrator Fr. Domnic James, Mysore Diocesan Educational Society Secretary Fr. Vijaykumar were present.

Has Mysuru gone Bengaluru way? — 2

A Boom City that went Burst

[Continued from Dec.15]

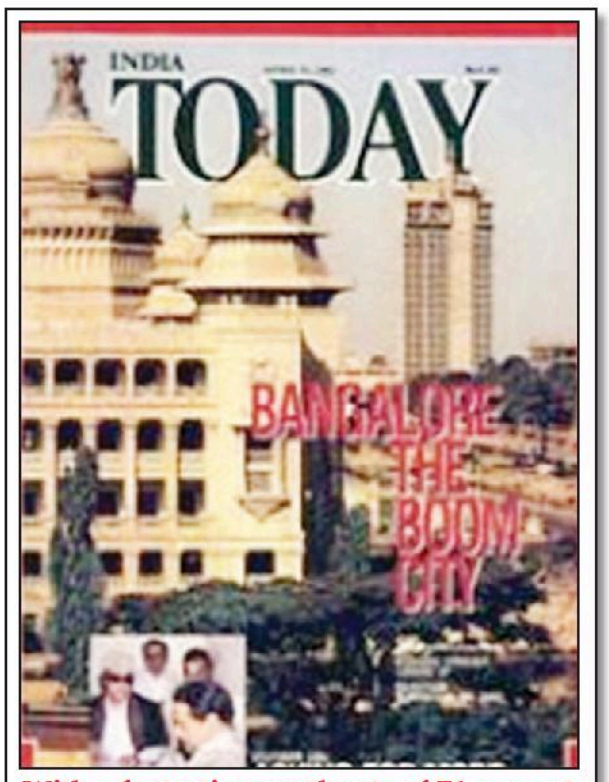
By R. Chandra Prakash

Bangalore, in many ways, is unlike the other great cities of India. Most of the other cities in India remind one certainly of the present, certainly of the future but essentially of the past. But Bangalore, as I said, more than any other great city of India is a picture of the future...

— Jawaharlal Nehru, July 17, 1962

Nehru's appreciation was justified. Bangalore of pre-nineteen eighties was indeed "in many ways, ...unlike other great cities of India. However, as explained earlier, things were fast changing, and changing beyond Nehru's prediction! *India Today* 15th April 1983 issue focused on Bangalore as ***The Boom City*** of the country. However, the two consecutive decades — 1990s and 2000 — changed the entire edifice of Bengaluru. Economic Policy of Liberalisation, Privatisation and Globalisation [LPG], during 1990s stimulated the growth of large private sector units and thousands of ancillary and small units supporting them, in and around Bengaluru. The city was stormed by an influx of economic activities. As if that was not enough, the global fear of Y2K became a stimulant in the growth of Information Technology [IT] units in Bengaluru. Quick solution from Bengaluru to the Y2K fear not only prevented the IT crisis all over the world, but it also created a second Silicon Valley of the world in Bengaluru.

Chandra Prakash



With a fantastic growth rate of 76 percent in the last decade, Bangalore has outstripped the 12 other cities in the country which have a population of more than 10 lakhs. Only Jaipur with 57 percent and Delhi with 56 percent come anywhere close to matching Bangalore's phenomenal growth rate. The percentage growth for the other nine cities in the last decade was — Pune: 48, Ahmedabad: 43, Hyderabad: 40, Nagpur: 39, Bombay: 37, Madras: 34, Kanpur: 32, Calcutta: 30, and Lucknow: 23. The all-India average for cities was 46 percent. Bangalore is now estimated to be among the first 10 fastest growing cities in the world.

The demand for housing was so rapid and high that the existing residential layouts were overrun. People started to let their spare accommodations for making money. Factories and Offices also demanded greater land spaces. The demand for land outpaced the availability within the planned residential, commercial and industrial areas. Consequently the villages adjoining the city automatically became the extended part of the city without even waiting for formal inclusion within the city planning area.

The Kiss of Death

The negative impacts on the garden city were very severe. City planning gave way to post-facto absorption of chaotically grown adjoining villages into the city folds. City planning became a misnomer. Density of population graph had hit the north pole! Once the compromise on planning was forced, it laid the foundation for corruption and huge unplanned growth of buildings of all kinds. Land mafias made their diabolic presence. Residential zones got merged with the commercial and industrial complexes. Open spaces and gardens started to vanish. Sanitation and hygiene were out of gear. The presence of State Government in this capital city, instead of becoming a controlling point, seemed to have become an accomplice in the fast deteriorating conditions. A Garden City systematically got converted into a Garbage City !

The consequences of such unprecedented growth of Bangalore was not unknown to the authorities. As apprehended by Ramakrishna Hegde, the then Chief Minister of the State, Bangalore did continue to explode haphazardly and the boom did bring it such a prosperity which did become its Kiss of Death!

> "If immediate action is taken to control the crazy, unplanned growth of the city, it would be possible to make this city liveable. Otherwise, it may go the way of other big cities. We must regulate Bangalore's growth. Or else, if Bangalore continues to explode haphazardly, the boom that brought it so much prosperity may easily be the kiss of death."
>
> — The then Chief Minister R.K. Hegde

Hosur's Growth and Its Impact

Tamil Nadu Government had correctly assessed the crucial location and growth prospects of Bangalore quite early, as early as in 1970s. It put up Industrial Estate at Hosur, located at the periphery of Bangalore and its borders with Karnataka State. Making use of the financial and infrastructural incentives available in this Industrial Estate and also because the advantages of the airport facility and residential facilities in neighbouring Bangalore, a large number of industries started to locate themselves in Hosur. Over a period, Hosur went on to develop into a very large industrial complex. Its growth heavily taxed the infrastructural facilities available in the city of Bangalore.

Government of Karnataka was lethargic in countering the attractions provided by the Tamil Nadu State in Hosur Industrial complex. Consequently, Hosur and Tamil Nadu bolted with a very fast economic growth in the area. Whereas, Bangalore was burdened by the influx of population and traffic without much revenues either to the city's municipal administration or to the State exchequer. Tamil Nadu gained at the cost of Karnataka! Tamil Nadu's gain was Karnataka's huge loss.

Twin Blunders

There are multiple factors which have resulted in the downfall of Bengaluru during the past 25 years. But here we will analyse two main factors only. These

are the factors which would have prevented Bengaluru from becoming highly congested and losing its grandeur of the past.

First, the dropping of **Bangalore-Mysore NICE Corridor Project.** During the later part of 1990s, Karnataka Government entered into an agreement with the Nandi Infrastructure Company to build under PPP model a new road linking Bangalore with Mysore to relieve the traffic congestion on the existing State highway between the two important cities of the State. This new road was to by-pass Kanakapura, Malavalli and reach Mysore via Bannur. It was a grand plan which would have benefited both Bangalore and Mysore. Idea was to develop these two cities as twin cities like Mumbai and Pune had become due to a new Express Highway link.

A lot of enthusiasm was generated by this project. The land acquisition rights were also granted to the company and the company started to acquire the land. Suddenly the project got stalled due to the disputes regarding the road alignment at several places. Government and the Company got into legal tangle. And the PPP gradually got into cold storage. There were a lot of stories floating thereafter. Some alleged that some lands belonging to a big political family caused it, some stated that the percentage of commission to be given to the decision facilitators was the cause, some said that the competing enterprises sabotaged the entire project by planting discord between the politicians and the PPP developers and so on. Consequence was legal battles and total end of this very ambitious project that could have saved Bangalore from its present situation.

Just imagine for a moment, had this project got through as scheduled, Mysore would have grown into another industrially well developed city of the State and the country. Lack of political sagacity and corruption at the top level killed this project as also the prospects of smooth growth of two important cities! And the Central Government need not have spent rupees nine thousand crores on expansion of Mysore Highway which it is doing now and the two cities would have had the advantage of two Highways servicing them, instead of only one! The opportunity cost of such irrational decision to drop the NICE Economic Corridor project have been tremendous, both in financial terms and in terms of economic development.

[Part - 3 next Wednesday]

NOTE: ***The Mahatma Gandhi Road photo published in Part-1 of this article last week was not that of the one in Bengaluru. The error is regretted. A vintage photo of Bangalore M.G. Road is published above.*** *—Ed*

Anti-Conversion Bill tabled amid opposition

Belagavi, Dec. 22 - Amid ruckus by the Opposition, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra introduced the Anti-Conversion Bill — 'The Karnataka Protection of Right to Freedom of Religion Bill, 2021' in the Legislative Assembly at the ongoing winter session of the State Legislature here on Tuesday.

Congress members staged a walkout opposing the introduction of the Bill, despite not being on the agenda on Tuesday.

While the agenda did not mention the Bill, it was added in the supplementary agenda and introduced soon after the House proceedings resumed after lunch which invited the wrath of the Opposition Congress and Janata Dal (S) members.

Even as many Congress members, including Leader of the Opposition Siddharamaiah and KPCC President D.K. Shivakumar were outside the Assembly, Speaker Vishweshwar Hegde Kageri asked Home Minister Jnanendra to introduce the Bill, which was opposed by Opposition members. Soon, Congress leaders trooped into the hall opposing its introduction.

Charging the Government of surreptitiously bringing the Bill, Siddharamaiah asserted that the Bill is in violation of Article 25 of the Constitution. Questioning the Government's urgency, the Opposition leader maintained that the Bill is being brought with malafide intention.

Highlights of the Bill

• Prohibits conversion from one religion to another by misrepresentation, force, fraud, undue influence, coercion, allurement or marriage.

• Any aggrieved person, parents, brother, sister or any other person related by blood, marriage or adoption or in any form associated or colleague can lodge complaint.

• Imprisonment will not be less than 3 years and can extend up to 10 years and fine ranges from Rs. 25,000 to Rs.10 lakh.

• Person violating provisions in respect of minor, woman, a person of unsound mind, or a person from Scheduled Caste or Scheduled Tribe will face imprisonment ranging from 3 years to 10 years and a fine of not less than Rs. 50,000

• Marriage done for sole purpose of unlawful conversion or vice-versa to be declared void.

• Offence to be non-bailable and cognisable and to be tried by a first class or the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate.

• Person wishing to convert has to declare 30 days in advance before the District Magistrate (Deputy Commissioner).

• Religious convertor has to provide 30 days advance notice.

• After conversion, the person has to intimate the Deputy Commissioner (DC) within one month.

• Inquiry provisions pre and post conversion with regard to genuine intention, purpose and cause of the conversion, if objections are received.

• DC will intimate various departments, local bodies and principals of educational institutions

• The departments will take steps with regard to entitlement of person converted to enjoy social status or to receive economic benefits that he was getting prior to conversion.

• The burden of proof lies with the religious converter.

Chunchanakatte Sugar factory likely to re-start from June

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (SBD&DM)- In some good news for the people of K.R. Nagar taluk, Srirama Co-operative Sugar Factory at Chunchanakatte in K.R. Nagar taluk of the district, which was shut down for years due to various reasons, is likely to resume functioning from June next year.

Co-operation Minister S.T. Somashekar, who is also Mysuru District In-charge Minister, held a meeting with concerned officials on Tuesday at Suvarna Soudha in Belagavi where the State Legislature session is going on.

The meeting after a prolonged deliberation, decided to propose the State Cabinet on the revival of the factory, by waiving off Rs. 8 crore registration fee of the successful tenderer, dropping the mortgage of 85 acres of factory land and to facilitate the tenderer for availing loans on guarantee of 125 acres of land belonging to the factory, among other plans.

K.R. Nagar MLA S.R. Mahesh wanted the Government to direct the DCC Bank which has advanced loan to the factory, to allow the factory to remit only the principal amount dues of Rs.1.36 crore and waive off interest. He appealed the Minister to ensure that all preparations regarding the re-start of the factory are completed by May and that the crushing of sugarcane commences from June next year.

Industries Minister Murugesh Nirani, who also owns Nirani Sugars, Minister for Textiles and Sugar Shankar Patil Munenakoppa, Periyapatna MLA K. Mahadev, Department of Industries and Commerce Principal Secretary Pankaj Kumar Pandey, Co-operation Department Principal Secretary Umashankar, Sugar Commissioner Shivanand Kalkeri, Srirama Sugar Factory Managing Director Vijaykumar and other officials attended the meeting.

Road re-asphalting works launched in Ward No. 6

Corporator SBM Manju recently launched road re-asphalting works at Gokulam and Brindavan Extension coming under his Ward No. 6. Concerned residents of the area Nagaraju, Dr. Gorkal, Mahesh, Ashok, Engineer Rajashekar Kuber and others were present.

Three house burglars arrested

- **Rs. 15 lakh worth gold ornaments recovered, two-wheeler seized**
- **One of the accused has 30 warrants in various Police Stations in district**

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (KS) - The special City Crime Branch (CCB) Police team, formed by the City Police Commissioner to crack house burglary cases have arrested three house burglars on Dec. 9 and 19 and have recovered gold ornaments besides seizing a two-wheeler used for the crime.

During interrogation, the accused are said to have confessed of house burglaries in Udayagiri Police limits and based on the information provided by the accused, the CCB Police have recovered gold ornaments weighing 304 grams and worth Rs. 15 lakh pertaining to two house burglaries in Udayagiri.

Among the three accused, one of them has 30 warrants issued against him at various Police Stations in city and district, while another has four warrants issued by Mandi Police Station. The third accused has one murder case, two attempt to murder, one house burglary and one extortion case registered against him.

The same Special CCB Police team on Dec. 9 has also arrested an accused with 15 warrants against him and had gone absconding. The accused has been handed over to Jayapura Police Station. DCP (Crime and Traffic) M.S. Geetha Prasanna and CCB ACP C.K. Ashwathnarayan guided CCB Inspector R. Jagadish and staff in the nabbing and recovery operation.

Woman commits suicide

Mysuru, Dec. 22 (RK&KS) - A 22-year-old woman, said to be depressed in life, committed suicide by hanging self at her house in Raghavendranagar here on Sunday night.

The deceased is Arpitha, wife of Jagadish. She had married Jagadish three years ago and her family life was going on smoothly until differences in opinions among the couple cropped up leading to frequent fights between them.

Though family elders intervened and advised them, the couple continued fighting for trivial issues.

Depressed over this, Arpitha is said to have taken the extreme step, according to Nazarbad Police, who have registered a case.

Obituary

Subramanya Bhat

Mysuru, Dec. 22 - Subramanya Bhat (69), retired KSRTC Inspector and a resident of R.S. Naidu Nagar, passed away on Monday at a private hospital in city following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, one son and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill on Monday afternoon, according to family sources.

WORD OF THE DAY

Huckster

Pronunciation: HUCK-ster.
Meaning: A huckster is a person who is aggressive or dishonest in selling. Origin: Huckster comes from the Dutch noun hokester and verb hoeken, which means "to peddle."
Example: "... somewhere between four million and eleven million people identified as Spiritualists in the United States alone. Some of the leaders back then were hucksters, and some of the believers were easy marks...."
— Casey Cep

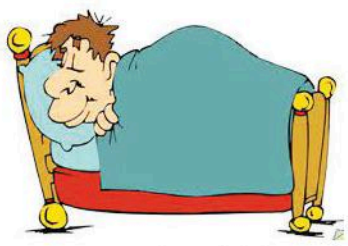
THE ODD WORD

Habergeon

Sleeveless mail coat.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Hit the hay



Meaning: When you say you are going to 'Hit the Hay' you mean that you are going to bed.
Origin: The term 'hit the hay' is believed to have originated in 1903, when The Oakland Tribune reported that "Sam Berger, the Olympic heavy-weight...was sleepy and he announced that 'he was going to hit the hay.'"
Example: "I'm exhausted. Time to hit the hay."

QUOTE BOX

Alimony is like buying hay for a dead horse. **—Groucho Marx**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer: Scatter Brain.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Ear-related
5 Land between the hills
9 ____ chi: Chinese exercises
12 Tabula ____ : clean slate
13 Apple's popular tablet computer
14 Don't lose
15 Mid-East VIP
16 Putting in a stopper or an electrical connection?
18 Of the eye
20 Sunny or Esha of Bollywood
21 Onetime UK airline
24 Milk supplier
27 Gum resin used in perfume
31 Sticky substance
32 Place; stead
33 Top card?
34 North Atlantic fish of herring family
35 Against med. advice
36 A hood-shaped organ of flowers--"clay part" anagram?
38 Make active again
41 Bread spread?
42 604 in Rome
44 A rough path
48 Timber preservative
52 Keep under control
53 ___ sick : affected by nausea in an automobile?
54 Dash
55 A song from an opera
56 Cashew Nut Shell, abbr.
57 Perform or accomplish again
58 Light sleeps taken usually in the afternoons

DOWN

1 Famous cookie
2 Compact by pounding
3 A small question expressing doubt, wonder or disbelief? (2,2)
4 Arctic deer
5 Very Imp. Person
6 A Programming Lang.
7 Praise or extol
8 ___ forward: moved cautiously forward?
9 Duskiness
10 The Scottish for 'own'
11 Present participle suffix ?
17 Panaji is its capital
19 To cheat
22 Artificial Intelligence Advisory Committee
23 Chocolate tree?
25 Bellow like a lion?
26 Skywalker mentor
27 Winglike
28 Act wordlessly
29 Wanders
30 Prison room
34 Highland dress accessory
37 Up to now
39 Prefix meaning "nature"
40 Having more sense
43 Small rat-like rodent
45 Distinctive air
46 Paper ___ : a small fastener of sorts?
47 New Zealand parrots
48 300 in Roman numerals
49 Managed
50 Small child
51 Rock musician Brian

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	B	S		V	A	Y	U		S	E	E	K
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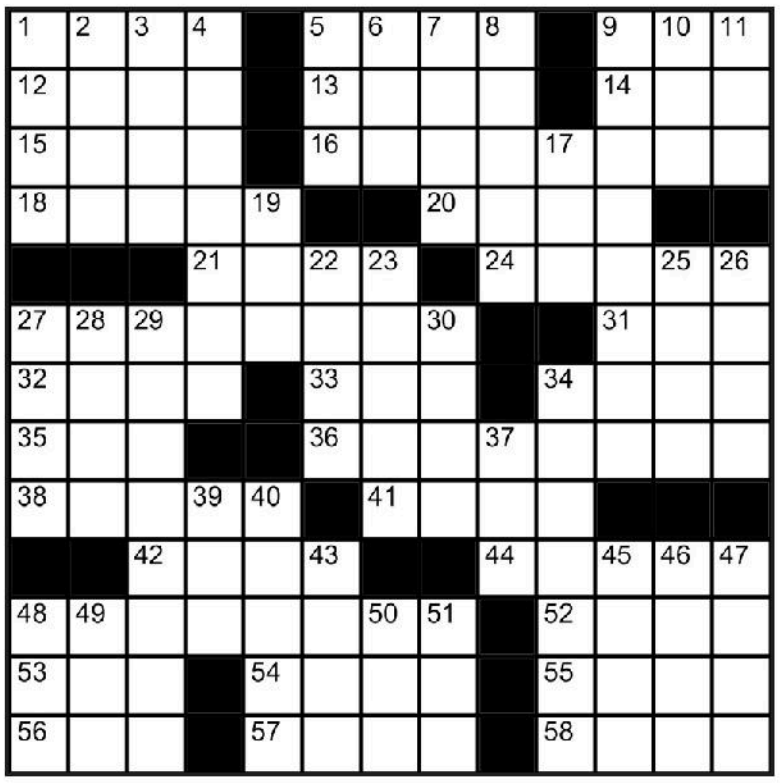

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			9			3		4
	9	7	2					1

Answer to previous puzzle

2	7	6	3	8	4	1	5	9
4	5	8	6	1	9	2	3	7
9	1	3	5	7	2	6	4	8
1	4	7	9	3	8	5	6	2
3	6	9	1	2	5	8	7	4
8	2	5	4	6	7	3	9	1
6	9	4	2	5	1	7	8	3
5	8	2	7	4	3	9	1	6
7	3	1	8	9	6	4	2	5

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

VOO BTSX AGWWTAARGO WYPPVHJTSA VST

ISUPV JYHHVA VHJ PGAC NT AY CSTVCTJ.

TODAY'S CLUE: A EQUALS S

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: You have succeeded in life when all you really want is only what you really need.

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Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-1)	9.45 am, 1.00 pm, 4.00 pm, 7.00 pm, 9.55 pm
Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (K)	(S-2)	9.20 am
Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	(S-2)	12.45 pm
	(S-3)	10.00 am
	(S-4)	6.35 pm, 9.55 pm
Sri Jagannatha Dasaru (K)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
The Matrix Resurrections (E)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-4)	9.50 am, 12.50 pm, 3.40 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	(S-2)	9.50 pm
	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 6.55 pm
Sakath (K)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (2D-E)	(S-3)	9.50 pm

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Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)	(S-3)	5.20 pm, 8.55 pm
	(S-4)	10.10 am
Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	(S-2)	10.00 am, 1.55 pm 5.50 pm, 9.45 pm
	(S-4)	4.50 pm, 8.45 pm
Sakkath (K)	(S-3)	11.15 am
Aana (K)	(S-3)	2.30 pm
Drishyaa 2 (K)	(S-4)	1.30 pm

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Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	:	12.30 pm, 3.40 pm, 6.50 pm, 10.00 pm
Spider Man No Way Home (2D-E)	:	11.30 am, 2.40 pm, 5.50 pm, 9.00 pm
Aana (K)	:	12.15 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	:	6.40 pm

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Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	:	8.00 am, 8.10 am, 10.50 am, 11.40 am 2.25 pm, 2.50 pm, 3.15 pm, 6.00 pm, 6.25 pm, 9.35 pm, 10.00 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (E)	:	8.50 am, 12 noon, 3.10 pm, 6.20 pm 9.30 pm, 10.00 pm
Drishya 2 (K)	:	11.45 am

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Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (K)	(S-1)	3.00 pm
Pushpa: The Rise Part - 1 (Te)	(S-2)	8.15 am, 11.40 am, 3.05 pm 6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
Udumbu (Ma)	(S-1)	9.45 pm
Spider-Man: No Way Home (3D-E)	(S-3)	10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Drishyaa 2 (K)	(S-4)	4.00 pm, 6.50 pm
Sumesh & Ramesh (Ma)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

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Indian cricket team's tour of South Africa

Indian players to leave SA if borders get closed due to rise in COVID

Centurion, Dec. 22 (Agencies)- The Indian cricket team's tour of South Africa will get underway with the first Test from Dec. 26 and with the cloud of COVID-19 variant Omicron looming large, the tourists have been guaranteed a return passage to home should the need arise if borders are closed to prevent to control the spread of infection.

The series was under threat when the latest variant was first discovered in South Africa. However, a curtailed tour that saw T20Is being culled from the original schedule and stern COVID prevention measures ensured it was saved. Among the several guarantees given to the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) by Cricket South Africa (CSA) includes beds in hospital if Indian players need to be admitted for any reasons.

"In case an Indian player needs to be hospitalised for whatever reason, we've approached some of the hospital groups who've guaranteed us beds in hospitals," said CSA Chief Medical Officer Shuaib Manjra to a section of the Press.

"If there needs to be repatriation and the borders are closed, the Government has given a guarantee that they will allow the players and the team to go back to India," he added.

The entire tour will be played behind closed doors with Indian players not allowed any contact with the general public.

Manjra said that CSA has done everything to ensure the safety of the visitors and also left the 'path open' should they want to leave at any point.

"One thing we can't control is how the Indian Government deals with it. We've got DIRCO (Department of International Relations and Cooperation) talking to the Indian Government but, as CSA, we don't have control over that in terms of what the rules and regulations are when the players go back," Manjra said.

"I think we've taken whatever measures we can to ensure that the Indian team is not only safe here, but should they need to leave for whatever reason, that the path is open for them to leave at any point that they wish," he added.

India will play three Tests and as many ODIs during their stay in South Africa.

EVENTS TODAY (DEC. 22)

- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, GoI, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and Department of Handloom & Textile & Commerce, Government of Karnataka:** Special Handloom Expo, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, Mysuru, **up to 9 pm.** [City Bus from KSRTC Bus Stand - No: 117]
- **Janaspandana Trust:** Aahara Mela (Food Mela), Theme: 'Namma Ooru, Namma Ruchi,' Chikkamma Niketana Kalyana Mantap, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9 pm.** [Mob: 63600-16264 or 98803-90463 or 94488-96214]
- **Indian Art and Craft Shopping Festival-2021:** Christmas Carnival, expo-cum-sale of over 10,000 varieties of handlooms and handicrafts for all over India, Open Grounds, opposite Aishwarya Petrol Bunk, Hunsur Road, Vijayanagar I Stage, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** Puja, Shattumurai and Mahamangalarati, **5 pm to 6.30 pm;** Thiruppavai discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.** [Mob: 99451-01480]
- **Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Mysuru and Hebbar Sreevaishnava Rural District Upa Sabha:** Dhanurmasa Puja, discourse on 'Thiruppavai' by Vidu. Rama Srinivasan, Sree Andal Mandiram Trust, Temple Road, V.V. Mohalla, **6 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam and Sri Rama Mandira:** 'Thiruppavai Kalakshepa' (Thiruppavai discourse) by Dr. N.K. Ramasheshan, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Chitrapata' by artistes of *Padma Shri* Nagaratnamma Theatre Workshop, Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (DEC. 23)

- **JSS Krishi Vignana Kendra, District Krishika Samaja, Agriculture Technician Institution, Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA):** District-level Millets Workshop and Exhibition of National Food Security Mission (NFSM) and National Farmers Day celebration programme, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. Bagadi Gautham inaugurates, Assistant Professor at the College of Agriculture VC Farm, Mandya, Dr. B.S. Sowmyalatha, H.D. Kote's Nambike Millet Nagaraj, millet growers, progressive farmer Honnur Prakash will be the resource persons, JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath presides, ZP CEO A.M. Yogesh, Principal Scientist Dr. B.T. Rayudu, JSS Horticulture Department Director N.M. Shivashankarapa, District Krishika Samaja President Kalmahalli Shivakumar and others will take part, JSS College, Ooty Road, **10.30 am.**
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- **Rangavalli:** Staging of play 'Mahabharata Padmavyooha' by Samurai Theatre of Purappemane in Hosanagar taluk of Shivamogga district, Kirurangamandira, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.** [Mob: 99646-56482 or 95902-59095]

PRO KABADDI

Today's Matches (Dec. 22)

Bengaluru Bulls Vs **U Mumba**	7.30 pm
Telugu Titans Vs **Tamil Thalaivas**	8.30 pm
Bengal Warriors Vs **UP Yoddha**	9.30 pm

Tomorrow's Matches (Dec. 23)

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Dabang Delhi Vs **Puneri Paltan**	8.30 pm
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